

THE THEOLOGY OF ROMANS




The Righteousness of God – (1:17)

3:5, 21, 22; 10:3;

- Distributive justice
- Covenant Faithfulness
- Saving action
- A gift (“a status bestowed.”)
- The gift is **forensic righteousness** in believers, and because of union with Christ and the gift of the Spirit, it is the **ethical outcome**.

Person of Christ – human and divine

- True humanity, the second Adam (Rom. 5:12-21)
 - True humanity, *κατα σαρκα*, Rom. 1:3; 9:5
 - True deity, Son of God (Rom. 1:3-4)
 - True deity, *κυριος* (10:9, 10)
 - True deity, God (Rom. 9:5)
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Death (penal substitution) and Resurrection

Rom. 3:21-26; 5:8

Rom. 1:3-4; 4:25; 6

Salvation by faith, for both Jew and Gentile.

The Work of the Spirit – Rom. 8, Spirit - 21x. (see 8:9)

The gift of the Spirit - Rom. 5:5; 8:13; 8:26

The role of the Law – generally a more positive view of Law than in Gal.

Rom. 7:12

- Reveals sin, enhances sin, condemns sin
- Points to Christ, Christ is the goal of the Law
 - Bears witness to Christ and the Gospel
 - Useful in the life of the believer (Rom. 7:14-25; 13:8-10)
- The Spirit enables the believer to fulfill the Law (8:3-4)

An Outline of Romans

The opening of the letter (1:1-17)

Salutation (1:1-7)

Thanksgiving/Apostolic Visit (1:8-15)

Theme: The Gospel of God's Righteousness
(1:16-17)

The Body of the Letter (1:18-15:13)

The Revelation of God's Righteousness (1:18-4:25)

All are under sin (1:18-3:20)

Righteousness apart from the Law (3:21-31)

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The Provision of God's Righteousness (5:1-8:39)

- Righteousness imputed in Christ (5:1-21)
- Righteousness appropriated in Christ (6:1-23)
- Righteousness and Law (7:1-25)
- Righteousness and life in the Spirit (8:1-39)
 - [Union with Christ]
 - Justified in Christ (5:12-21)
 - Dead to sin in Christ (6:1-23)
 - Dead to the law in Christ (7:1-6; 7:7-13; 14-25)
 - Alive in the Spirit in Christ (8:1-39)

God's Righteousness Vindicated (9-11)

God's Righteousness Practiced (12:1-15:13)

In the Church (12)

In the world (13-

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Closing (15:14-16:27)

